

MEMORY, SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS AND THE IGNORANCE

Inconscience, and, from that startling-point, find its relation to the greater Consciousness below our surface. There is a line of thought in which great stress is laid upon the action of memory: it has even been said that Memory is the man,—it is memory that constitutes our personality and holds cemented the foundation of our psychological being; for it links together our experiences and relates them to one and the same individual entity. This is an idea which takes its stand on our existence in the succession of Time and accepts, process as the key to essential Truth, even when it does not regard the whole of existence as process or as cause and effect in the development of some kind of self-regulating Energy, as Karma. But process is merely a utility; it is a habitual adoption of certain effective relations which might in the infinite possibility of things have been arranged otherwise, for the production of effects which might equally have been quite different. The real truth of things lies not in their process, but behind it, in whatever determines, effects or governs the process; not in effectuation so much as in the Will or Power that effects, and not so much in Will or Power as in the

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dynamic form
and in the Being of which Power is the
dynamic
value. But memory is only a process of
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ness, a utility; it cannot be the substance
of being
or the whole of our personality: it is
simply one
of the workings of consciousness as
radiation is one
of the workings of Light. It is Self that is
the man: